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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PACIFIC NORTHWEST COMMISSION
RELATIONSHIP WITH ASEAN

REFS: A) JAKARTA 15001; B) MANILA 18136

1. EUGENE BIRD, INTERNATIONAL TRADE DIRECTOR OF THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL COMMISSION, CALLED PHILIPPINES
DESK AND EA/EP DECEMBER 1 TO BRING DEPARTMENT UP TO DATE
ON COMMISSION'S PLANS REGARDING ASEAN. HE ASKED THAT WE
PASS THIS INFORMATION TO ADDRESSEES AND THAT MANILA BRING
CERTAIN POINTS TO THE ATTENTION OF FRED ELIZALDE AND THE
ASEAN SECRETARIAT.

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2. BIRD FIRST EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE VALUABLE
ASSISTANCE HE RECEIVED FROM EMBASSIES JAKARTA AND MANILA
DURING HIS RECENT TRIP.

3. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNORS OF WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND
IDAHO HAVE AGREED TO AUTHORIZE THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH "CERTAIN CONTINUING LINKS" WITH

ASEAN ON THE BASIS OF COMMON ECONOMIC INTERESTS. ONE CONCRETE STEP THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO UNDERTAKE IS TO HOLD A JOINT SEMINAR WITH ASEAN PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

SECTORS OF ASEAN COUNTRIES AS PART OF THE ANNUAL FORESTRY EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY SHOW, TO BE HELD IN PORTLAND IN MARCH 1978. THE COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO GIVE SOME SPECIFICS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AND IT WILL ISSUE INVITATIONS IN DUE COURSE.

4. THE COMMISSION IS ALSO CONSIDERING WAYS OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE ASEAN TRADE FAIR, BUT THESE PLANS ARE NOT AS FAR ALONG. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE A MISSION OF STATE LEGISLATORS, HEADED BY ONE OF THE COMMISSION'S CO-CHAIRMEN, TO VISIT THE FAIR AND OTHER ASEAN CAPITALS TO ACQUAINT ITSELF WITH ASEAN AND ITS COMMERCIAL/ INVESTMENT POTENTIAL FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, IF ASEAN IS INTERESTED, WOULD BE A TECHNICAL SEMINAR IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS: FORESTRY, AGRICULTURE, POLLUTION CONTROL, RIVER OR INTER-ISLAND TRANSPORT, AND AIR FREIGHT HANDLING. A BUYING MISSION IS A THIRD POSSIBILITY.

5. FOR MANILA: BIRD ASKED THAT YOU PASS ON THE CONTENTS OF PARA 3 TO FRED ELIZALDE AND TO JOHNNY JARASA OR
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ANOTHER OFFICIAL OF THE DFA ASEAN SECRETARIAT. ELIZALDE HAD WANTED TO KNOW THE COMMISSION'S PLANS BY DECEMBER 16, AND BIRD WILL PROVIDE SOME SPECIFICS, IF AVAILABLE, BY THAT DATE. REGARDING PRELIMINARY THINKING CONTAINED IN PARA 4, BIRD ASKED THAT EMBASSY MANILA USE ITS DECRETION TO PASS ON TO ELIZALDE AND THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT WHATEVER MAY BE USEFUL. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST GOVERNORS TO KNOW BY ROUGHLY DECEMBER 20 WHETHER ASEAN WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSION TO PUT TOGETHER A TECHNICAL SEMINAR, AND IF SO, WHICH OF THE PROPOSED TOPICS APPEAR MOST SUITABLE.

6. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: BIRD WOULD WELCOME POSTS' COMMENTS ON THESE TOPICS AS WELL.
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